the pre-recruitment formalities such as medical examination, verification of character and antecendents. The Commission does not monitor the status of the issue of offer of appointment to the recommended candidates at a given point of time.

While it is difficult to specify by when all the candidates will be issued offers of appointment, it is clarified that as per the existing instructions, there is no expiry period of the select panel prepared on the results of a competitive examination with reference to firm number of vacancies. Therefore, the candidates recommended for appointment by SSC would be required to be adjusted by the indenting offices first before they report further vacancies to SSC for subsequent year's examination.

**Functioning of Instrumentation Limited, Kota**

*714. SHRI GHUFAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received reports on the functioning of the Instrumentation Limited, Kota;

(b) whether any outcome has been received from the BIFR to which the case of this sick PSU had been referred;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the 'Economic Times', New Delhi dated the 5th May, 1995 under the caption "IL workers decry privatisation bid"; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPTT. OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) BIFR has asked the Operating Agency (OA) to invite offers from private parties for takeover/merger of Instrumentation Ltd. The OA is yet to evaluate the offers/plans. BIFR has not yet taken any final decision in the matter.

(c) and (d) The news item captioned "IL workers decry privatisation bids", stated that some employees of IL have criticised the efforts being made to privatise the Company. The technical strength of the Company, high interest burden and importance of the Company were also referred to in the news item.

**Efforts for consensus on Lok Pal Bill**

*715. SHRI G.G. SWELL:
SHRI O.P. KOHLI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 122 and its Supplementaries given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th December, 1994 and state by when Government are going to start or complete the process of bringing about a consensus on the draft of the Lok Pal Bill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): The Government has addressed leaders of the Parliamentary parties to offer their comments relating to legislation for setting up of Lokpal.

**Committee on DPAP and DDP projects**

*716. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of Dr. C.H. Hanumantha Rao, Chairman, Technical Committee, to go into the working of the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) projects;

(b) if so, what are the main recommendations of the Technical Committee, its salient features and the action taken thereon; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement the recommendations within a time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND